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Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is filed in response to the Office Action dated October 30, 2001 (Paper No. 10). Please amend the above-noted application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claims 1 and 3 as follows:

1. (Amended) A thermoplastic resin injection molding machine comprising:

a plasticating unit for plasticating a thermoplastic resin,

an injecting unit connected to the plasticating unit through a connecting passage, to

inject the plasticated resin into a mold, and

a buffering unit provided in said connecting passage to reserve the resin plasticated in the plasticating unit in an amount at least equal to the injection quantity of the resin per

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